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Governor Wilson Reappoints Dea Berberian and Thomas Hall to the California Arts Council

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SACRAMENTO: Governor Wilson has announced the following reappointments to the California Arts Council:

Dea E.S. Berberian, 46, of Stockton, has served on the Council since 1994. She is the executive vice president of public relations for A.G. Spanos Companies and is a director of the Spanos Corporation. Berberian has served as vice president of the board of directors of the YMCA of San Joaquin County since 1995 and as a member of the board of regents of the University of Pacific since 1995.

Berberian is a former governor's appointee to the California State Summer School for the Arts. She is also a former board member of the Lincoln High School Site Council, and a former trustee of the Children's Hospital of San Francisco.

Thomas R. Hall, 45, of San Diego, has served on the Council since 1994. He is former chairman of the Council and has been managing director of the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego since 1980.

Hall was a producer of the Broadway play "Play On!" in 1997 and was a producer and general manager for the "Gate of Heaven" performance tour in 1996. He was associate producer for the Broadway play "Damn Yankees" in 1994 and of the off-Broadway play "Cocktail Hour" in 1988.

Hall served as president of the League of Resident Theatres from 1988 to 1996 and has concurrently worked as a management consultant for the Foundation and Extension of the American Professional Theatre since 1981. He has been a facilities consultant to several prominent theater companies during this time, including the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Lyceum Theatres and the California Center for the Arts. He has also worked as a design and construction coordinator for the Old Globe and has been a management consultant and coach for the Fieldstone Leadership Network since 1994.

In addition, Hall is a well known lecturer. He has spoken on arts administration at several universities, including Yale and the University of California, as well as lecturing on labor relations and contract law at California Western School of Law and the University of San Diego School of Law. He is a longtime member of the National Endowment for the Arts, for which he has served on numerous administrative panels and has testified before the U.S. Congress. Hall earned a bachelor's degree in theatrical arts from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1974.

Council members do not receive a salary. These appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

The **California Arts Council**, a state agency established in 1976, promotes artistic awareness and participation in California. The California Arts Council's mission is to promote the arts and serve the people of California. The Arts Council provides technical assistance and grants to artists and nonprofit organizations. Applications are reviewed and rated at public meetings by outside professional peer panels and receive final approval from the appointed 11-member Council. Arts Council members include: James L. Loper, Ph.D., Chair; Dea Spanos Berberian; Edward C. Cazier, Jr.; Iris R. Dart; Doris Fisher; Barbara George; Thomas Hall; Hugh Hewitt; Janet Karatz; David C. Lizarraga; and A.C. Lyles.

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